

# LAFAYETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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## **MEETING Wednesday, September 9, 2015 8:00 A.M. - Highway Office**

Present were Dwayne Larson, Gerald Heimann, John Bartels, Wayne Wilson and Tom Jean.

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order.

The agenda was properly posted at the Lafayette County Courthouse, the Darlington Municipal Building and the Lafayette County Highway Department.

Motion by Wilson, second by Bartels to approve the agenda with the addition of meeting with Tom Boguszewski from AE Com, motion carried.

Motion by Heimann, second by Wilson to approve the minutes of the meeting dated August 20, 2015, motion carried.

Tom Boguszewski from AE Com met with the Committee to thank them for hiring AE Com for the design on the CTH O bridge project, and to make sure they were satisfied with AE Com's handling of the project.

Motion by Heimann, second by Wilson to approve Vouchers #4350, 4351 and 4352; motion carried.

The August overtime report was noted.

The 2016 Highway budget was briefly discussed. Tom and Lisa had met with the Finance Director last week to discuss Capital Expenditures, borrowing, and what other options we have for our budget.

Since STH 23 was sealcoated we have received numerous calls with reports of chipped/cracked windshields. Tom contacted our insurance agent who said they would not cover any of the claims since we had the proper signage, therefore we would not be responsible for any damage. Tom is also going to check with Corporate Council for a legal opinion. Wilson made a motion to not pay any claims pending an opinion by Corporate Council. Motion second by Bartels, motion carried.

Projects Update: we are almost done sealcoating; the coated chips we used in Tama Run Subdivision look very good; we have a lot of paver patches to do; land needs to be purchased by Davises; there is a meeting today in Madison regarding the epoxy bridge deck overlay on STH 151 at the county line. The new communications tower is to be delivered tomorrow. It is going to be erected where we currently have the dumpsters as it needs to be closer to our buildings. There will be a new building built next to ours which will house the electrical, heating and cooling systems. Soil borings were done last week so we are waiting to hear the results on those. The old generator will also be brought up here for communication backup in case of an emergency.

Equipment Update: Tom checked into buying a roller from Fabco, and even taking into consideration what we have paid the last couple years for rent, the new price is \$164,000 and used is \$144,500.

The committee decided to schedule interviews with the applicants for Highway Maintenance Worker for Monday, September 14 starting at 8:30 a.m. with Tuesday being the backup date.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Wilson, second by Heimann, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.